

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the above-identified application.


The Examiner has stated that the claimed subject matter of the above-identified application is drawn to two distinct inventions and has required restriction to one of the following Groups of claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 8-14, are directed to species of configuration in Fig 9, classified in class 375, subclass 296.
- II. Claims 15-17 and 18-20, are directed to species of configuration in Figures 10-11, classified in class 375, subclass 346.

In response to the restriction and/or election requirement, applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Claims 1-7 and 8-14 of Group I. As such, Claims 15-17 and 18-20, of group II have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected Claims 15-17 and 18-20 of Group II.

Early examination of the claims and allowance of same are respectfully requested herein. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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